

201 KAR 13:060. Military Service; reciprocity; endorsement.

RELATES TO: KRS 326.020, 326.040

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 326.020(3), 326.040

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 326.020 authorizes the board to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the purpose and provisions of KRS Chapter 326. This administrative regulation exempts from licensure renewal licenses for active members of the military service, provides reciprocity between the states, and provides licensure by endorsement.

Section 1. Military Service. A licensee who is in the military service is exempt from licensure renewal until he or she is honorably discharged from the service.

Section 2. Reciprocity. (1) A person may be licensed as an ophthalmic dispenser without complying with the provisions of KRS 326.040 if that person:

(a) Holds a valid license as an ophthalmic dispenser in another state whose qualifications at the time of licensure were equal to or higher than those requirements established in KRS 326.040 and 201 KAR 13:040; and

(b) Has been actively engaged in the practice of ophthalmic dispensing for a period of two (2) years immediately preceding the date of application.

(2) An applicant for licensure by reciprocity shall:

(a) Apply for licensure on the form required in 201 KAR 13:040, Section 1(1);

(b) Pay the application fee established in KRS 326.040;

(c) Provide a copy of the current license from the other jurisdiction; and

(d)1. Provide documents proving passage of the National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) National Practical Examination; or

2. Take and pass the NCSORB National Practical Examination within twelve (12) months of application for licensure. The board shall not issue a license until provided documents proving the applicant has passed the NCSORB National Practical Examination.

Section 3. Endorsement. (1) A person may be licensed as an ophthalmic dispenser without complying with the provisions of KRS 326.040 if that person:

(a) Hold an active and current certification as a dispensing optician under the American Board of Opticians (ABO) and the National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE);

(b) Has been actively engaged in practice as a dispensing optician for at least two (2) years under the sponsorship of a licensed ophthalmologist, licensed optometrist, or optician certified by the ABO and NCLE.

(2) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall:

(a) Apply for licensure on the form required in 201 KAR 13:040, Section 1(1);

(b) Pay the application fee established in KRS 326.040;

(c) Provide documents verifying that the applicant holds active and current certification as a dispensing optician;

(d) Provide documents verifying the applicant has engaged in at least two (2) years of practice as a dispensing optician sponsored by a licensed ophthalmologist, licensed optometrist, or optician certified by the ABO and NCLE; and

(e)1. Provide documents proving passage of the NCSORB National Practical Examination; or

2. Take and pass the NCSORB National Practical Examination within twelve (12) months of application for licensure. The board shall not issue a license until provided documents proving

the applicant has passed the NCSORB National Practical Examination. (OD-1 (18, 19); 1 Ky.R. 723; eff. 7-2-1975; Am. 27 Ky.R. 1533; 2504; eff. 4-9-2001; 44 Ky.R. 554, 910; eff.-11-15-2017.)